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David Alexander Risk teaches kids at the Haliburton Library about drawing nature. See story on page 11.

Kennisis Dam: leaks but failure not imminer

By Sue Tiffin Staff writer

Parks Canada is making a record \$58 million investment over the next two years to major capital projects and ongoing preventative maintenance along the Trent-Severn Waterway

Of that, \$3.5 million has been allotted to work required on the Kennisis Dam. In an announcement on March 14, Parks

Canada stated that the work done on the Kennisis Lake Dam – whether it is rebuilt or majorly rehabilitated – will be determined by the outcome of an options analysis. A specific project plan will be developed by Parks Canada with input from stakeholders.

"This dam has an earth foundation which is generally more susceptible to maintenance issues over time," said Parks Canada media representative Melissa LaRose. "While there are some leaks identified, there are no

immediate signs of any failure."

LaRose said Parks Canada is determining appropriate timelines to initiate the work on the dam. According to her, the work is essential for the dam, but does not necessarily assist in the prevention of

"Overall, dam improvements and modernization of our infrastructure assist with managing water," said LaRose. "However, the project will have little

impact on how we manage water from an operational standpoint."

In Peterborough, the Thompson Bay Dam will be reconstructed at a cost of \$1.5 million, and the Otonabee Dam Deck will be rehabilitated at a cost of \$7.6 million. Along with the Kennisis Dam, the Bolsolver dam will be reconstructed at a cost of \$24.1 million, and swing bridges in Hastings and Brighton will be renovated at a combined cost of \$8.6 million.

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East end election kicks off

By Matthew Desrosiers Editor

Highlands East council could have some familiar faces next term.

Steve Kauffeldt, Cecil Ryall and Joan Barton have each submitted their papers for the upcoming election.

"There's still work to be done," said Kauffeldt, the municipality's current Ward 1 councillor. "The first term is a big learning curve, and nobody can be expected to learn it all in one go. I'm having a great time. It's work, but it's interesting and very rewarding."

Kauffeldt said as Ward 1 councillor, he's faced some challenges in his first term.

"I did a good job, [but] it's an uphill battle from the east," he said. "You've got three centres [in Haliburton] that get attention: Minden, Haliburton and Wilberforce. Meanwhile, Cardiff contributes a quarter of the population of Highlands East, yet you have to make a bit of noise to get noticed."

The issues in Ward 1 are unique because of its proximity to Bancroft as well as its population, which are mostly year-round residents.

If he's re-elected, Kauffeldt said one of the big issues he wants to work on is the water and sewer system in Cardiff.

"The system is aging," he said. "It's never been retouched or replaced. I think whoever wins this election, maybe not the next council but in the near future, something's going to have to be done there."

"To me, that's the biggest problem."

Meanwhile in Ward 3, Ryall isn't ready to give up his seat yet, either.

"You have [the decision] to stay on and hopefully complete the [job], or leave," he said. "Right now I'm so excited about what we're doing that I would really enjoy the opportunity of doing it for four more years."

Like Kauffeldt, Ryall said he did a lot of learning in his first term, but that now council is moving forward and getting a lot done.

He highlighted the municipality's trail development program, specifically the Green's Mountain project, which could lead to significant economic growth in his ward.

"The potential for what can happen there for all of Haliburton County, obviously for Highlands East, and in my particular case Ward 3 and the Gooderham area, that's a good thing," he said.

Although Ryall is committed to economic development in the area, he said it's important the municipality sticks to its priorities and doesn't lose its identity.

"How do we take an economically depressed area and bring

it up to some level of sustainability, and yet be compatible with who we are and where we are? The opportunity for us to bring in large manufacturing is not conducive and doesn't fit into who we are."

He said the municipality not only has to attract new business, but also the people who work for those businesses. To that end, he wants to continue working with a council that is cooperative.

"Hopefully we'll have a council that's... unified moving forward. Four wards competing friendly for a common goal. That's exactly what municipal government should be."

Ward 4 councillor Joan Barton wants to be part of that next council.

"It's been enjoyable," she said of her term. "It's been rewarding, it's been a good job and I'd like to keep it."

As with Ryall, Barton is pleased with how council has worked together over the last term.

"What I'm really happy with is I think we've seen a real increase in the level of cooperation that exists to get to common goals," she said. "We've seen an increase in the level of cooperation at council and [at the] community level over the past four years. We've seen community groups work together, we've seen council work together on specific projects."

On a personal level, Barton said she's particularly proud of helping to bring in grant money to the municipality.

"I've either authored or co-authored grants that brought in over \$80,000, which means Highlands East made a profit on me. I brought in more than my salary."

Of the project she's been involved in, Barton said the big one moving forward is to finish the job at the medical centre in Wilberforce.

"I want to keep working on finishing the process of bringing a doctor to Highlands East," she said. "I'd like to stay on council and address that in the next term."

Barton said she's learned some lessons in her first term, and will try to improve specifically on the public consultation process if awarded a second term.

"We weren't courteous and didn't consult with some people around the question of library [Wilberforce Sustainable Library Block B] clearing and fencing," she said. "That was addressed in council. I didn't get some consultation done that should have been done. It's something I learned from."

All three councillors said this council is unified and working well together, and they want to continue that approach into the next term.

"When I ran in the election before, I was from Cardiff," Kauffeldt said. "Now, I'm from Highlands East."

Vandals wreak havoc on Sugar Island properties

By Mark Arike Staff writer

Seven cottages on Gull Lake's Sugar Island were recently broken into and vandalized, according to the Haliburton Highlands OPP. A suspicious fire was also set at another one of the cottages on the island.

"We have no idea of the timeline [of the incidents]," said OPP Const. Paul Potter on March 19.

Potter said police were contacted by someone who spotted some of the damage while out for a walk with their dog.

"They saw broken windows and such, so they gave us a call," he said.

Police were dispatched to the island on the morning of March 19.

Due to the ongoing investigation, Potter couldn't provide many details on the damage or identify stolen items. However, he confirmed the damage is significant.

The island is water access only, but since the lake is currently frozen one could get to it by snowmobile, ATV or on foot, said Potter.

"I don't think there's a causeway or any sort of access. That's my understanding."

As of press time, it is unknown who is responsible for the damage or if more than one person was involved.

"Right now, we're just sort of appealing to the public to see if we can get an idea as to who might be responsible for this."

The office of the Ontario Fire Marshal will be conducting an investigation into the fire.

Anyone with information is asked to call Haliburton Highlands OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Calls to Crime Stoppers are anonymous and cash rewards of up to \$2,000 are offered for tips that lead to an arrest.

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Doctor's death saddens community

By Sue Tiffin Staff writer

Dr. David Fiddler, who worked in the Minden emergency department for approximately 20 years, passed away on March 18 at Ross Memorial Hospital. He had been battling cancer.

"Dave's contributions to HHHS, the staff, and the community demonstrated his commitment, leadership and passion as a dedicated physician, colleague, and friend," said Varouj Eskedjian, president and chief executive officer of Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

Fiddler visited the Minden hospital for minor injuries when he cottaged in the Haliburton Highlands as a boy. As an adult, he and his twin brother Doug both worked in the emergency services department of the Minden hospital.

"Without him the hospital would not have been able to maintain emergency services," said Dr. Steve Ferracuti of the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team.

Ferracuti said that Fiddler was unquestionably committed to the community and health services everywhere, and that staff was feeling very sad about the news of his passing.

Dr. Doug Fiddler sent correspondence to colleagues to inform them of his brother's death. He wrote that Dr. John Nelson, a colleague of David's in Fort Francis, said "his work ethic was unmatched by anyone. He genuinely cared to help people and never let the rules stop him from doing what was right for patients."

"I cannot say it better, that was Dave," wrote Doug. "I will try to carry on his legacy but he has pretty big shoes to fill."

MNR and Parks Canada update nervous residents

By Sue Tiffin Staff writer

Parks Canada and the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) are making it a point to communicate more effectively about water events with residents this year.

On March 17, the MNR released a flood outlook for all of Haliburton County's municipalities. The report informs the public of current conditions and forecasts leading into April and May. An MNR spokesman said a general statement like the one released on March 17 wouldn't have been released last year, and that it's not a flood warning.

"Normally at this time we wouldn't issue a press release," said Kris Windover, senior IRM technical specialist at the MNR. "We recognize how sensitive the community is given the events of last year, so we're trying to give people as much information as possible heading into spring. "

The flood outlook suggests residents of Bancroft District keep a close watch on conditions and states the MNR is closely monitoring the weather and developing watershed conditions. The statement also said the MNR and the Trent-Severn Waterway (TSW) are allowing reservoirs to decline in advance of the spring thaw, and water levels are average or below average.

"Flooding is not imminent, but as spring starts to unfold, you're going to see the potential for it," said Windover. "The statement's not trying to tell you we're flooding or going to flood or might flood." While the MNR informed the public through a bulletin, the County of Haliburton created a new flood preparation web page on March 14, and Parks Canada enhanced their web page to provide more information.

"Generally speaking, [the MNR, Parks Canada, and the county] have worked much more closely [than last year]," said Jewel Cunningham, director of Ontario Waterways with Parks Canada. "We, like the community, after having gone through the spring of last year, obviously have learned a lot and are staying on top of this. Just because of that experience. It's brought [flooding] into the forefront, there's no doubt about that."

Cunningham said Parks Canada has been in close contact with the Township of Minden Hills, and residents have been seeking more information. She said the township has communicated the anxiety people are feeling now that spring is approaching, and while Parks Canada can't control the environment, they are monitoring water levels and measuring the water content of snow.

"If we have average rainfall that we have had over the years, then we feel there's enough storage within the lakes to be able to accommodate a thaw," said Cunningham. "What we can't control is how much rain we have between now and a thaw."

She said Parks Canada has created two new water management technician positions to enhance its water level monitoring program, and has installed more automated water monitoring stations to inform decision-making.

Renovations planned for Kennisis dam

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The funding includes \$11.5 million over the next two years for safety and preventative maintenance projects for bridges, dams, lock gates, and retaining walls, and for the management of navigation markers and visitor

facilities across the TSW.

The funding announced on March 14 is in addition to the \$391 million for Parks Canada that is included in the 2014 federal budget to assist with infrastructure needs along the TSW.

Kennedy case a mistrial

By Matthew Desrosiers Editor

A mistrial has been declared in the trial of four men accused of murdering Ryan Kennedy.

The declaration was made on March 13. Reasons for the mistrial cannot be reported due to a publication ban imposed on the case.

Tin Wai Hong, Mason Gillard-Gatza, Nathaniel Cain and Raphael Guerra each face charges of first-degree murder and attempted murder. The four men are accused of murdering Kennedy, a 21-year-old Minden resident, at a house on South Lake Road on Oct. 19, 2011.

The trial began on Jan. 21, 2014 in Oshawa and was expected to last two to three months. According to the Attorney General's office, the case will come before court on April 24 at 9:30 a.m. to set a date for jury selection and a new trial.



Editorial opinion

Chilled out

I was lying on my back when I realized I'd had enough of the winter.

I had been trying to hold off joining the Good Samaritan chorus of voices crying out for a little reprieve, but I can hold my tongue no longer.

It started last week.

I was walking through a parking lot on my way to get some groceries when my ankle – already damaged from years of playing baseball – twisted and left me hobbled. Two days later I couldn't put any weight on it, which made walking on slick surfaces all the more dangerous.

My driveway is part skating rink and part moguls, thanks to the thaw-freeze cycle we had going on three weeks ago. Needless to say, it's much harder walking on ice with only one good leg.

In true Canadian fashion, however, I would let nothing get between me and my ice/snow removal duties. So out I went into the cold evening, ice chopper in hand, to clear away the ice that had built up along one of the gates at the end of the drive.

I swapped between chopper and shovel, slowly chipping away the ice that, to my dismay, was half a foot thick. But the propane truck needed to get through, so I kept at it, one-legged, until the job was done.

For my efforts I received a palm-full of blisters, but still haven't seen the promised propane truck fill up my tank (for an ungodly sum, I'm sure).

Fast-forward to yesterday.

I decided – completely against my better judgment – to take a shortcut down the hill behind our office. I had to run an errand and, since the news doesn't stop for anyone, didn't have time to walk all the way around the block.

One misstep later and I found myself where this column began, at the far end of a two-foot drop, dazed, confused and

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angry (thank you, by the way, to the who found my keys in the snowbank and returned them to the office two hours later).



By Matthew **Desrosiers**

Before I got up, I

took a quick inventory of my situation. My ankle was tweaked, my hands blistered. I could already feel my back and neck tightening up from the fall and my fingers were bleeding from various scrapes. Oh yes, and I had curling practice and a game later that night in Wilberforce.

Excellent.

I'm as hardy as the next northerner, but I had had enough. Pulling myself up, I groaned and grumbled, and upon my return to the office, let everyone know just what I thought of winter.

That night, despite my bumps and bruises, I curled one of my best games of the season and we won. This morning, despite a little stiffness, I pulled myself out of bed and stretched, already feeling better than I had the day before.

There are serious issues facing the Highlands, and this winter has been one challenge after another. From OPP billing reform to exorbitant Hydro and propane costs, the hits keep coming. The echoes of this winter are going to stay with us for months, or even years, to

But if there's one thing a hard winter teaches, it's that no matter how bad the weather gets, how cold it is or how much ice has piled onto your driveway, if you have the fortitude to ride it out, the spring always comes.

Sing Sing Sing

Statistically speaking, 2014 is unlikely to be the first year of a new ice age, though many of us are starting to wonder. As we enjoy or endure the first day of spring, a good strategy to survive the next few weeks may be to keep our minds focused firmly on the future.

Certainly for our senior high school students, some thinking about the future is a worthwhile exercise. I was reminded of this at dinner this week with my aunt, my mother's sister. Though my parents have just the one sibling between them, my aunt had five children, who combined have ten children, so I have a lot of cousins of the Gen-Y or millennial variety - I can't keep track of the monikers. It's through their exploits and tales thereof that I get most of my limited insights into what today's youth are doing, and from those limited insights that I can make grand generalizations. Because who's got time to do survevs?

One of the cousins, let's call him Jason, because that's his name, is just about to graduate and so his grandmother, my aunt, was able to provide a complete briefing on his prospects and decision factors.

For Jason, it seems to be coming down to engineering or music, two completely different paths; one technical and very leftbrained, the other artistic and very rightbrained.

As someone who believes he made a couple of poor decisions in his youth, I take a keen interest in how others at that age narrow down an impossible number of options to a clear choice. In my case, my career decisions were based on having excellent test scores, which got me admitted to a good program. It took me years to realize that my talents lay far more in writing admissions tests than in completing the actual degree. Would Jason make the same mistake?

When it comes to music, the kid is impressive. He's been writing his own songs for a couple of years and plays both piano and guitar at levels most of us would consider professional. His grandmother, my aunt, beams with pride when she tells the story of how he was bored one day in the lobby of a hotel, fooled around on the piano for a while and was immediately hired by the manager for a convention starting that night. They hired him again the next year.

He goes to operas – knows them apparently – and has performed in various school and outside productions over the years. From everything I've been told about him, Jason is a musical prodigy.

What I've never heard, from Jason or his parents or his adoring grandmother, is anything about engineering. There are no stories about Jason building spaceships or inventing new toilet seats.

So which option do you think he's considering more seriously?

If you guessed engineering, you



By Bram Lebo

would sadly be correct. That of course is the "responsible" choice, the career choice, the one that's going to pay for the house and car and the next generation's tuition to engineering school.

It's what I would have done – take the serious route. It's what I did do.

And then it took 25 years to fully understand my mistake. I have no regrets, mind you, having ended up doing something I love, but I do wonder if I might have got here sooner.

All my 18-year old self would have had to do was to seriously reflect on how I used my time – what did I do when I didn't have to do anything? In other words, what did I love doing? But of course 18 year-olds are rarely capable of that level of introspection, youth being wasted on the young and all that. I foolishly listened to my parents who told me I'd never be able to afford the house or car I wanted without a degree.

I know many people who work in so-called professional careers. Some are happy but many are not. Some have the money they expected, some do not. Some had the money they expected and then lost it - they are the most unhappy.

But I also know many people who bucked their own expectations and those of their parents to follow what they enjoy doing. While many of these indépendentistes often rue their financial straights, I've never heard a one declare they'd rather be doing something else. I know a lot of lawyers who say they would have preferred to have been carpenters, but no carpenters who would rather be lawvers.

We all need to make a living, but there are many ways to do it. And, our assumption that professional degrees lead to wealth has been proven shaky by mountains of student debt and a lot of underemployment. Instead of advising me how to get a house or car, my parents might have taught me a more important lesson, that the house and car don't really matter so long as they do the job adequately. Especially in the Highlands.

Perhaps the best career advice for my cousin comes not from parents, advisers or even ourselves, but from that King of Swing, Benny Goodman and his immortal showstopper: Sing, sing, sing.

It's better than brooding about the

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Letters to the editor

Feeding families trumps county pool

Dear editor,

I am writing in response to Beverly MacDuff's letter in the February 27 edition of The Highlander (see Swimming pool not a priority, The Highlander issue 123, pg. 5).

My opinion is completely in agreement with

Don't get me wrong. I have nothing against swimming and it would be great to have a pool in the area, but as Beverly has pointed out, it's not just obtaining the pool, it's all the upkeep afterwards.

Growing up in Minden, we always had public waterways as our disposal, as we still do, and there are resorts that offer pools when our rivers and lakes are frozen.

Many here struggle to feed their families and heat their homes without having taxes go up to sustain a pool.

How many others out there agree?

Janice Carr Minden

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Photo of the week



Photo by Tammy Nash

A red squirrel finds a nut in the melting snow.

Liberals' overspending leads to outrageous cost increases

Dear editor,

Media coverage via comments by our local Conservative MPP critiquing ever-increasing hydro rates has been to no avail.

Talk is cheap and action speaks volumes, something we have not seen. I have heard no scolding with reference to CEO Tom Mitchell of The Ontario Energy Board receiving an 11 per cent wage increase where he made over \$1.7 million in 2013 plus benefits. Hydro One CEO Formosa received the same percentage increase and made over \$1.4 million plus

benefits in the same year.

We have a minority Liberal government and yet the Conservatives and NDP parties have not demanded an investigation into the elaborate and unrealistic wage increases and benefits those individuals received, and for which we the people are paying for via our hydro bills. Recalculation and constraint must be undertaken by the Liberals, so get with the program Conservatives and NDPs and inject pressure!

Ontarians should not have to pay for the blatant mismanagement and overspending by

the Liberals over the gas plant scandal through be undertaken until the Liberal government higher hydro rates. Yet another blow to the pocket book. In 2013, semi-annual increase of the regulated off-peak power price (charged from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. and on weekends) jumped a whopping 7.5 per cent, while the peak price rose 4 per cent, and mid-peak 4.8

Confusing perhaps. Bottom line increases affected every aspect of ones hydro usage. Over the past 10 years, the cost of power has increased by 46.6 per cent in Ontario. A halt to the infusion of wind turbines must

gets its house in order and until capital costs racked up by McGuinty's term of office and current premier come to an end by way of an election and change of leadership.

Ontarians deserve reputable leadership and continuity in their government officials. Of course, my opinion only!

Beverly MacDuff Gooderham

The**Outsider**

Going with the grain

Middle aged men with ponytails. I don't quite know how I feel about that.

In my past life in the city there were middle-aged men with ponytails and they tended to work as marketing or sales executives in the publishing and music industry. This was no excuse. And, when paired with a pinstripe suit, said ponytail was a fashion faux pas tantamount to donning Speedos and a dinner jacket. Now, couple this vision – the suit one, not the Speedos – with the fact that the long-haired, middle-aged, marketing exec was almost guaranteed to be the loudest, brashest individual in the room, no matter what the room, be it kitchen or concert hall, and you get the idea why in the past I struggled to deal with the prospect of a middle-aged man with a ponytail.

I tell you this because just the other day I was surrounded by middle-aged men with ponytails. Not surrounded as in cornered by hairy men who were closing in for the kill but surrounded as in, everywhere I looked I saw a middle-aged, oft balding man with a ponytail. I panicked at first, the cold sweats running down the back of my completely

naked neck – perhaps a reason to grow a ponytail in itself! But I pulled myself together, reasoning that I am in Canada now, and rural Canada at that, and so loud crass marketing men are few and far between. And besides, there wasn't a pinstriped suit in sight. I guess this was because I was attending a meeting of the Haliburton Grain

I am in fact proud to be the treasurer of this wonderful organization, which endeavours to grow wheat, barley, rye and other wholesome grains for local folks. However, until the other day, it hadn't hit me as to the tashion implications of belonging to such a group and just how many of the male CSA members sported ponytails.

I should state that these fellows are much different from the loud-mouthed, namedropping, suit-wearing urban ponytail wearer. They are worlds away in fact; more the chicken-keeping, wheat grass-drinking, garden-tending, brown bread-baking types. And thankfully they don't all try to dominate the conversation because, with so many of these chaps in the room, there would have been one hell of a shouting

match if they had!

No, these wearers of lengthy haircuts were the sort that would say "hey man, you go ahead. I'm cool with chillin' while you lay down your story..."

Yep. Hippies. Almost every last one of them. Goddam hippies, and there I was in the midst of them.

The thing is, I've grown more mellow in my own middling of age, and, since my move to Canada, I've softened at the edges and learned to sit back and let the conversation flow rather than manically trying to jump in and have my say, as was necessary to be seen to exist in my previous city existence.

And so, the hippies, the homesteaders, the hearty country folks and I spent an afternoon discussing rural things. We chatted about soil chemistry (ph levels, who knew!), we ruminated on gluten content – I should state that I am all for gluten, even if it does make some of my hirsute friends rather gassy – we talked chicken bedding, yes, stuff for your roosters to sleep on! The debate became quite animated at the mention of the current cost of straw, I'll have you know, and we

delved into the benefits of burning your blueberry bush rather than pruning it.

We ate freshly baked wholemeal bread and tasted samples of

By Will Jones

barley tea, while smiling and nodding our appreciation of the wonderful taste of the bread and the nutritional value of the tea (it didn't taste so good, but don't tell Cheryl). I mingled, I began to forget about the ponytails. Their constant swishing became only a minor distraction. You could say, in fact you probably would say if you wear a ponytail, that I 'mellowed out and got into the groove' of that afternoon spent with the nicest, kindest, most community-minded and free spirited folks in Haliburton County.

Sound like fun? If so, you probably wear a hair shirt and sandals all year round. You will almost definitely have a ponytail or count numerous men with magnificent manes amongst your closest friends. But hey, who am I to judge? I'm just jealous. The only way I'll ever have a ponytail is if I steal it from a horse!

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: How do you feel about the new OPP billing model?



Kenissis Lake

Well absolutely I do not feel good about it. But, what choice do we have? They will run it through one way or another.

Mark Cann

Carnarvon

I heard about it but I haven't seen anything about the pros and cons.



R. Paul Johnson

Haliburton

It had to come sooner or later. Bottom line is that we have not been paying our fair share.

Rick Lowes

Carnarvon

I think that it is excessive but I do not be grudge the OPP their pay.





Thom Lambert

Haliburton

It does seem a little extreme for our little community. I do not know where they are going to get the money for it. I do not know what we can do about it.

Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin

Haliburton County unifies to fight OPP costs

By Sue Tiffin Staff writer

County councillors are urging local and seasonal residents to take a stand against a proposed OPP billing reform that will significantly increase property taxes.

At a special meeting on March 12, the four municipal reeves agreed to ask their councils to support a municipal mail-out explaining the details of the reform. It also encourages local ratepayers to write letters to the provincial government detailing how the formula would negatively affect their households.

"If it's true that letters work, are we firing every weapon in our arsenal to make that point?" said Minden Hills reeve Barb Reid. "I'm sensing if we don't act now, are we really doing everything we can to load the government with opposition to this billing reform?"

The reeves said that there are "winners and losers" across the province in the proposed new model, with some municipalities seeing their current fees lowered, and others seeing the fees they've been paying increased.

Haliburton County is the second hardest hit district in Ontario, with tax increases of 20 to 36 per cent that would result in taxpayers paying for more police officers than are used or needed.

Haliburton's OPP costs would increase from \$3.3 million to \$8.5 million, or about \$369 per household, an amount the municipal government said will "crush" the county. The District of Muskoka will be the "biggest loser," with service increases from \$10.3 to

\$17.7 million.

Algonquin Highlands reeve Carol Moffatt said that some constituents have told her the issue is difficult to understand and that they don't have time to read the official documentation about the issue. She had a similar idea to Reid, and said that she was in the process of writing a simple explanation of the issue for dissemination.

"People don't have to write a complicated letter," said Moffatt. "They can write and say, 'this affects me negatively, please revisit it."

"The most effective message is the one that's repeated a number of times," added Algonquin Hills deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen.

Moffatt said a mailout would ensure that everyone in the county was informed about the funding issue and tax

"People are going to get their tax bill (in 2015) and say, 'what the heck happened here, why didn't you tell us." said Moffatt, who explained that a 36 per cent tax increase in Algonquin Highlands was more significant than the approximate \$2,000 it would cost for a mail-out. "This way we can say 'we informed you, it came right to your door, and we asked you to step into this process."

On March 13, Minden Hills council unanimously agreed to the proposed idea of a mail-out at a cost of \$5,500. At that meeting,

councillor Ken Redpath said the cost of the mailing was worth it compared to the cost taxpayers would pay with the increases due to the new OPP billing model.

"This is probably the most significant thing to impact Minden Hills in its history," said Redpath.

Representatives from the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Associations (CHA) and the Chamber of Commerce met at county council to give input about how to motivate residents to action.

CHA chair Paul MacInnes said the third e-mail he wrote to the members was the one that motivated people to write letters to their members of parliament.

"The response has been phenomenal," he said. "I've received 400 e-mails copied to me that have been sent to

the premier."

reeve, Minden Hills

Barb Reid

This train has left the

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act right away.

MacInnes said that based on feedback from members of the lake associations who have contact with government members, the argument about the way funding works isn't important in letters, but letting politicians know about the effects on taxpayers is crucial.

"The bureaucracy is already done," said MacInnes. "At this point, it has become a political decision. And we know that if they can cancel a gas plant after it's already started, they can make a good decision on this to say 'hold off."

Rosemarie Jung of the Chamber of Commerce said the chamber wanted to support council's efforts and that it believed in collective action. She suggested that the best forms of lobbying are to write letters, be specific about the impact the decision would have on residents, and call a day of action in which residents are rallied to call their elected officials on the same day to express their concern.

The proposed OPP billing model is causing confusion across the province, as the councillors say exact numbers and the calculation formula behind the model have not been fully explained. The option of acquiring alternative policing is reported to cost more than \$700 per household and is not economically feasible.

County reeves have been meeting with elected officials across the province in delegations to express their concerns and to share ideas about how to deal with the funding model they say is flawed. The reeves have said they don't support mitigation. Barb Reid said Muskoka's district chair John Klinck as well as David Conn, the mayor of Seguin Township, were waiting to hear Haliburton County's decision about how to proceed in pursuing an alternative.

"This train has left the station, it's headed for Haliburton County, and we need people to act right away," said Reid.

The members of county council often reiterated that they fully support the county's police department, but not the proposed billing model.





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Highlander news



By Mark Arike

Fire fighters respond to smoke but no fire

A house on Indian Point Road in Haliburton suffered no fire damage after an overheated electric furnace caused smoke to come out of the building. Fourteen Dysart firefighters responded to the call at around 1 p.m. on March 17. According to fire chief Miles Maughan, the furnace may have overheated due to poor maintenance. No one was injured and no further investigation is required.

Pictured above: Dysart firefighters suit up to enter a home on Indian Point Road in Haliburton.

County puts flood preparation guide online

By Sue Tiffin Staff writer

The County of Haliburton launched a website on March 14 to help residents ready themselves for potential flooding.

EMS director Craig Jones said that he felt it was important for information about flood preparation to be readily available to the public. He said he found inspiration for the local site after seeing the Kawartha Lakes flood and water level information website.

"Flooding is fresh on people's minds," said Jones. "And that means they start seeking out information."

Jones noted it was important for residents to have local information rather than information from other places that experienced flooding, like New Orleans.

"It's homegrown information," he said. The site can be viewed at http://www.

The site can be viewed at http://www.haliburtoncounty.ca/flood-preparation/



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March 27

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7:00 pm, Irondale Community Centre Advisory Committee meeting, Irondale Community Centre

April 10

9:00 am, CoTW meeting Minden Council Chambers (public session 10:00 am)

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Though fine art has had a steady course of understanding, craft has been pushed and pulled about in attempts to describe handmade items. It gets tricky when one looks closer at these descriptions. Artists who work in a traditional craft sometimes begrudge the word 'craft' sensitive to potential inferiority to fine art for instance. Why, is the question—something explored in the artists' statements. Terry and Jenn live in Tory Hill and have been operating Artech studios glassblowing for many years. April Gates of Blackbird Pottery; balancing on the cusp of fine art and craft, Blackbird Pottery unites the spirit and usefulness of handcrafted work to intrigue, inspire and engage its patrons. Sandra Dunn owns and operates Two Smiths that works primarily with metal - steel, wrought iron, copper, aluminum, stainless steel and bronze.

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Highlander news

Highlands fashion line finalized

By Sue Tiffin Staff writer

It won't be long now before residents and tourists can clothe themselves in a Haliburton County-inspired Roots line.

Tourism director Amanda Ranson presented the designs of the #MyHaliburtonHighlands fashion line to the county tourism committee on March 12. A pilot project will launch by the end of May if county council approves the line on March 26. Clothing will initially be sold at the Tourism Centre on Hwy. 35 in Minden, and will potentially be made available within local businesses in the future.

"The Minden Tourism office is where we have full-time staff year-round, and that's where we get the most traffic," said Ranson.

The cost of the pilot launch is \$9,223.75, plus taxes, freight and duty – money that comes from an inventory account created by the county treasurer. The profit from items sold is anticipated to be about \$7,400, depending on each item's price.

Working closely with Roots, Ranson said they selected clothing items and accessories based on the company's analysis of the area's demographics. The clothing line will offer unisex hoodies in full-zip kanga styles, a unisex quarter-zip polo, and a men's and women's crew neck t-shirt.

A nylon backpack and baseball hat will also be sold as part of the line.

Each item is embossed with the new Haliburton Highlands logo that was launched last month, and also has a Roots tag at the bottom of the apparel.

Ranson said she wanted yoga pants and fitted clothes, but Roots suggested the unisex clothing was more popular because it was baggy, and that change rooms – which the tourism centre isn't equipped with – would be a necessity for fitted clothing.

The price of each item hasn't been finalized yet but will be comparable with Roots pricing.

"That can be pricy, but the line is made in Canada, it's high-quality, and it will last for ten years," said Ranson.

However, two of the items – the hat and backpack – are made in China.

"We have the option of not using those two products," said Ranson.

She said the county might support Canadianmade apparel going forward, but it would depend on response to the accessories.

"It is important to the County of Haliburton that we have as much of the collection as possible made in Canada and that it is welldesigned and durable clothing."

The pilot project is designed to analyze sales to know which items are good sellers and which items don't sell as much. Ranson wants to see local employees and residents in the clothing, but also hopes that tourists will wear the Haliburton Highlands line in their hometowns, an action that might encourage further tourism when others see it.

Ranson said she has been receiving e-mails and social media messages from people who are interested in buying the products.

"I'm thinking that it will go quickly," she said.

Highlands

HE offers landfill choice

By Matthew Desrosiers Editor

Highlands East council has declared municipal landfills open to all ratepayers.

Prior to council's decision at a March 22 meeting, each municipal ward had its own landfill and residents were issued specific cards for those sites. However, Highlands East will now permit residents to dump at any site on a trial basis, ending Sept. 30 of this year.

"We're almagamated now," said Suzanne Patridge, deputy-reeve and Ward 2 councillor, during the meeting. "A lot of our residents are driving tens of kilometres out of their way to go the landfill. We're all one municipality."

Monck Lake residents brought the issue forward to council, requesting access to the Cardiff landfill. They were forced to use either the Highway 28 or Highland Grove landfill due to their location within Ward 2, however they are closer to the Cardiff site.

"I would like to see it opened up to all residents, not just Monck Lake," said Partridge. "If we do it for one area, we need to do it for all."

Steve Kauffeldt, Ward 1 councillor, said the decision would not end well for his constituents.

"This is Ward 1's landfill and has been for a long time," he said. "If you open it up to everyone, you're going to have some landfills filling up faster than other landfills, and eventually, if we're not staying on top of it, people are going to be inconvenienced even more."

Kauffeldt said Ward 1 has mostly fulltime residents. If the landfill there fills up, residents will have to drive to another site to dump their garbage, and that isn't fair.

"This doesn't help them at all. It [the landfill] will fill quicker because there will be a lot more people [using it]."

Ward 4 councillor Joan Barton suggested making the trial period last until the end of the summer to determine whether or not the new policy would adversely affect the landfills. Partridge, however, wanted it to go until the end of this council's term.

"So it's the other council's problem to deal with?" asked Barton.

"Absolutely," Patridge replied.

The majority of council preferred the end-of-summer cut off for the trial period.

Environmental supervisor Glen Covert requested that only garbage and recycling be accepted at the landfills, and that construction waste still needs to go to either the Eel's Lake or Tory Hill sites because they are already equipped to handle it.

In a recorded vote, the bylaw passed 3-2, with Kauffeldt and Reeve Dave Burton voting against.

Gooderham's waste transfer site is exempt from the bylaw.





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Minden shops jump into empty storefronts

By Sue Tiffin Staff writer

New and expanding businesses are breathing life into Minden's downtown.

Empty spaces along Bobcaygeon Road are being filled with eager entrepreneurs who are either starting up or expanding their operations.

Minden residents Shawn Guild and Jessica Mann have filled the empty spot next to Minden Food Mart with a brand name clothing shop named Kawartha Style. Guild said he and Mann were inspired by the recent sale of Little Duds, also on Bobcaygeon Road, and decided to launch a business.

"We've decided to open the door for all, and market toward everyone – from newborns to young teens to the elderly," said Guild.

Kawartha Style will carry clothes from manufacturers including Hurley clothing and Aeropostale, as well as clothing accessories, household items and collectibles. The store is also the first retail location in 15 years for the Toronto-based 100 Miles clothing line.

"We're open to suggestions about what people are looking for so they don't have to



Photo by Sue Tiffin

Jessica Mann, co-owner of Kawartha Style, said that sales have been great after just a week-and-a-half of being open. The name brand clothing and odds and ends store is on Bobcaygeon Street next to the former Minden Food Mart.

go out of town to get it," he said.

Guild and Mann opened the store just before March Break, and Guild said the sales have been good enough to clear out a lot of stock that the pair are trying to quickly refill. He and Mann plan to make the store available with many options, even if the space becomes a bit cramped.

Cathy Mack-Galati was feeling cramped in the space occupied by Sassy Digs, and so she said the store will be expanding into the corner spot on Bobcaygeon Road at Water Street

"We needed more room," she said. "And with it, we'll be getting into more furniture and lighting."

Mack-Galati said there's a hole in the wall

right now, but the interior design shop will be opening the doors to the new section in mid-April. The existing side will showcase contemporary items, while the new section will offer a cottage-country edge. Mack-Galati said the new entrance will be at the corner of the store.

"The corner is such a great little area," she said. "It has a wheelchair ramp as well."

The Minden Food Mart is temporarily closed while landlord Chris Coneybeare shows the empty store to interested buyers. He said there is some interest from prospective store owners to reopen the space as a convenience store with some additions.

"It's a work in progress," said Coneybeare.
"Nothing's written in stone yet."

Highlander arts



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

David Alexander Risk teaches Haliburton's youth to draw during the March Break.

Taking Risks: kids learn to draw in nature

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

"Learning to draw begins with learning to see."

David Alexander Risk repeated the lesson several times to children and parents who were eager to learn from the internationallyacclaimed artist during a workshop at the Haliburton library on March 12.

Earlier that day, Risk gave a similar workshop at the Minden branch where he

taught participants to draw. He also educated them on wolves and about other wildlife in the Highlands. He gave a third workshop on March 14 at the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve, where he is the artist in residence.

"They're learning how to draw, and [I'm] teaching them about nature," he said. "It's free art and nature classes. It's always free."

Risk said he has been providing these types of classes for almost 30 years.

"Kids are so much fun," he said. "They have

so much energy."

More formal art classes are too rigid for young artists and puts them in a box, he said.

"By incorporating music and drama into the actual art, it breaks down walls and peer pressure, and gets them to think outside of the box."

"This is so radically different than preconceived notions of art classes."

During one segment of the class, where Risk was teaching the kids how to see, he reached into a big bag and quickly threw an item into

the air. The students had only a few seconds to identify the object and draw it before it disappeared behind a screen.

Risk also brought in a mounted wolf to use as an education tool.

"They were going up and hugging it," he said. "I thought that was so amazing. It kind of gives them a different perspective when they actually see a wolf. To be that close and not have that fear, you can start educating them."

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Down our Road

Is it fun yet?

It had been a long time since they had seen another vehicle: long time for the interstate highway that is. Usually the transports bore down on them on a regular basis. But Alice and Ed had taken a different route at this point on their journey and it appeared to be less favoured by those rolling warehouses that clogged many American super highways.

Don't let anyone ever tell you travel is exciting, Alice thought, gazing out the car window at the landscape. It was vast and empty except for the tumbleweed that pressed against the wire fence lining every interstate highway they had traveled so far. The top of the fence was finished with barbed wire.

Alice wondered if this fence was to keep people from straying away from the highway into the current desert or to keep humans (what humans?) and animals from straying onto the highway. The animals would be the Black Angus cattle that grazed (on what?) singly or in small herds spread over the emptiness. Black marks on a buff landscape.

It would be difficult to find a setting more different from home. Alice had left hilly white and treed for flat, beige and empty. It had seemed like a good idea at the time. But now she thought cold was better than boredom. Besides, it wasn't anything like warm on the other side of her car door despite a more southern point on the map.

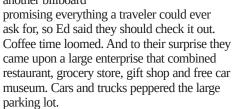
Here the wind blew constantly. When they had stopped to check out the historical plaque marking The Continental Divide, Alice had had to fight with her car door to open it and was then almost blown over. A cold relentless wind. No warmth. Heartless. Ed had quickly snapped her standing beside the sign before they both hurried back into the vehicle.

Despite the lack of any signs of habitation, billboards appeared regularly, announcing Navaho pottery, outstanding hamburgers and unbelievably clean washrooms at the next highway exit. However often these billboards were the last vestige of a business long-gone, paying a silent tribute to someone's lost dreams. Or so Alice mused, as they passed yet another boarded and falling-down building.

Sometimes a highway sign spelled out a community name but when Alice followed the exit it seemed to lead to nothing but more tumbleweed and beige plains. She wondered if the cattle ever got lost. She also wondered how

people could live in such isolated and invisible towns.

Then they saw another billboard



By Sharon Lynch

Inside was all done up on a fifties theme with blown-up images of Elvis and Marilyn, to name but two. Red vinyl-covered stools, lots of chrome and bright lights made for a pleasantly nostalgic atmosphere albeit with a somewhat frenetic energy.

Their waitress looked to be a mix of Hispanic and Native American and maybe in her early twenties. She seemed enthusiastic about their choice of two coffees and a split piece of apple pie and when she returned, Ed engaged her in conversation with ease. When he asked her where the employees lived since this seemed in the middle of nowhere, she smiled saying she resided in the next town about thirty miles distant but that some lived right on the premises, provided by the employer.

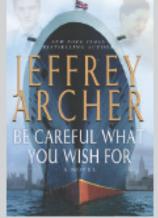
Indeed her smile seemed endless and she offered a refill of coffee as though the most important task for her at that moment was keeping them happy. When Alice and Ed walked back to their car, there was a lightness in their step that hadn't been there earlier. Alice noted the wind, while still constant, only messed their hair rather than chilling their bones.

They continued on their way passing the ubiquitous black cattle, tumbleweed and occasional grouping of horses. Alice saw a herd of mule deer that looked like seeds scattered over the distant plain. Then the billboards again became more numerous, indicating they were approaching a town.

Again they took an exit and entered sleepy Santa Rosa, New Mexico. When they left an hour later, they chuckled over the words of the friendly waiter who had served them the day's special. Halfway through the meal he had enquired "How are them burgers treatin' y'all?" And at that point they had felt very well treated indeed.

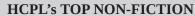
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Highlander life

Singer finds happiness in the Highlands

By Mark Arike Staff writer

Although she divides her time between three different areas, Jennifer Strype still considers the Haliburton Highlands home.

"I've cottaged up here my whole life," said Strype, an actress and singer who can routinely be seen belting out the national anthem at Raptors and Blue Jays game.

As a child, Strype grew up in the Markham-Unionville area, but every summer she came up to the family cottage on Boshkung Lake.

"My mom and dad bought their place when my mom was pregnant with me," she said. "So I've never not known Haliburton. It's basically home [to me]."

Strype spends time in Huntsville where she works in sales for a transportation company. She also regularly travels to Toronto for singing and acting gigs.

This past January, Strype performed at the VIP launch party for the film premiere of "There's Something in the Water?" She also sang the Canadian national anthem in Head Lake Park at the screening of the film.

"I knew Wade [Greer] and Charlie [Teljeur]... we had worked together a long time ago in Haliburton," she said, referring to the few pages she wrote for the book "There's Something About This Place," written by Teljeur.

Strype began singing at the age of 13. After high school, she took a year off to audition for musical theatre roles, write music and sing, before enrolling at the Randolph Academy for the Performing Arts in Toronto.

"It was primarily focused on musical theatre, so I did a lot of studying in that regard."

She started a band with her brother, Mike Strype, known as Ariel's Worm, after completing her post-secondary studies. They recorded an album at their home studio in Carnarvon and held jam weekends at the



Photo submitted by Jennifer Strype

Jennifer Strype sings Oh, Canada before a Blue Jays game in Toronto.

family cottage.

"It was just such a great atmosphere and so conducive to writing music because... we could reflect and write what we needed to

They came up with their band name while on a walk in the woods with their dog, Ariel.

"She had this bite on her leg, and it just grew into something disgusting I won't get into," laughed Strype. "It just ended up being this worm that they had to remove and we were like, 'Ariel's worm, that sounds kind of weird.' So that's what we ended up calling the band."

Their very first album, "Beginner's Luck," was released in 2001 through Noisy Planet Records. Together, the brother-sister duo has put together four albums.

Strype said their sound fits best in the poprock category.

For a few years they performed with a full band, but with several commitments on the go it got to a point where "it wasn't fun anymore."

"We kind of wanted to get back to what we enjoyed in the first place, which was basically just sitting, writing and recording songs once in a while."

The pair's latest release, "Be Where You Are," came out last summer and is available on iTunes.

In the past, some of their songs have been licensed for television shows such as Dawson's Creek, Party of Five and Joan of Arcadia

Solo musical performances are also part of Strype's resume. Back in 2005, she landed her first national anthem gig for the Toronto Blue Jays in 2005 in a case of serendipity.

"A friend's dad works security in the dugout and was like, 'I have this friend who's a phenomenal singer. Can I give you a demo of hers?' He did, and they thought it was great."

Strype has been a regular for the Jays over the past eight years. She sings both the American and Canadian anthems anywhere between 10 and 12 games per season.

"It's pretty awesome," she said. "It started with the Blue Jays and then everyone started calling after."

Strype also sings at Raptors games and

other events. In January, she sang at the Monster Jam Tour when it came to Toronto.

According to Strype's records, she has performed at approximately 75 Raptors games and in front of two million people.

"For those four-and-a-half minutes, every single person in that entire building is standing and staring straight at you."

Thankfully, she hasn't experienced a major blunder and messed up the words.

"I'm a professional – that's what I went to school for. I've rehearsed, I've trained, and when you hire me that's what you're going to get."

If she had to pick between music or theatre, the choice wouldn't be an easy one. Both are rewarding art forms that Strype gets a rush out of

"They're so different that I don't know if I could choose one over the other. It's such a different process for each that I enjoy both so much"

Strype currently doesn't have any big gigs lined up, but definitely plans on spending her summer in Carnarvon.

"It's so beautiful, it's so peaceful, " she said. "I love it."



By Matthew Desrosiers

Early bird winner drawn from Kitchener

Jan Ashton is the latest winner in the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's (HHHSF) Cash for Care Lottery Draw. Ashton, who lives in Kitchener, won \$500 in the second early bird draw, held on March 17. The next draw will be held on April 30 for \$1,000. Dale Walker, HHHSF executive director, said tickets are 70 per cent sold for the draw. The grand prize draw will happen on May 23, where four winners will be picked for up to \$23,000 cash.

Pictured above, HHHSF campaign co-chair and board member Don Popple (left), and Haliburton Highlands Health Services president and CEO Varouj Eskedjian, draw the winning ticket for the March 17 early bird draw.



A CALL TO ARTISTS

From February 17th to 19th, 2013, Hailburton County will play host to more than 1,000 participants, coaches and officials who will compete in 10 sporting events. All competitors are 33 years of age or over and are great examples of what an active lifestyle can do to improve health in the senior years.

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These "medals" must have the words: Holiburton Highlands 2015 Ontavio 55+ Winter Games on them, but other than that, we are open to all design ideas. Also to be taken into consideration is the budget of \$8-\$10 per piece with approximately 150 -200 pieces required per level, 450-500 "medals/awards" in total.

The winning artist/s will be featured at every opportunity, including the souvenir program, website and local press.

Submissions of the design, with preferably a prototype, will be accepted on or before April 30, 2014 at the Games office (Dysart Room at the Pinestone Resort) in Haliburton, or to the County offices located at 11 Newcastle St. Minden KOM 2A1. For further information or enquires please contact the Games General Manager, Myke Malone at myke@ontariogamesprogram.com or call 705-783-9300.

This competition is open to residents of Halburton County and students studying here.

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Highlander life

Hal High grad heading to Colombia

By Matthew Desrosiers Editor

Inspired by her upbringing in Haliburton County, Jessica Slade wants to make the world a better place.

The soon-to-be 21-year-old is in her third year of the Global Studies and Political Science program at Wilfred Laurier University. She is in the process of raising money for a month-long internship in Colombia with Emerging Voices, a charity group that acts as a volunteer headquarters.

As with nurses who need practical experience before entering their field, Slade said her program pushes the community development aspect of working for notfor-profit groups and believes the students should have front-line experience.

"When we sign up [with Emerging Voices], they do a character profile and find out where you'll best be suited," she said. "This summer I'll be doing two things. One is writing fundraising proposals and doing policy development."

Part of the work is about getting outside donors to help support the charity.

Slade has studied how to write fundraising proposals, taking a program or idea and writing an in-depth proposal on how you're

going to raise the money.

Her other job will be to teach English four days a week.

The four-week program will take her to Cartagena, a city on Colombia's coast.

"I've done other volunteer trips in the past, but never to this extent," she said.

To prepare, Slade, along with her classmates, has been taking pre-departure classes to learn about her destination and its

"I'm the only person from my program that's going to Colombia, so it's about real life and world experience," she said, adding that students are required to plan and fund the trip themselves. "In this type of career field, if I do decide to be a foreign aid policy worker, this needs to be part of my skill set.'

Slade's first trip came in 2010 when she, along with her mother, travelled to Nicaragua with the Water Ambassadors.

"It was a really eye-opening experience for me," she said. "It opened up this whole part of the world I didn't know too much about. I decided from there on it was a career choice I wanted to have."

In her world issues course at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Slade learned about different organizations, world events and issues. It was her first academic

exposure to this type of work and got her thinking about university studies in the field.

In October 2013, Slade participated in another Water Ambassadors trip, this time to Guatemala. Her mother, Brenda McKee, led the trip.

"It allowed me to see the position of someone in authority better through the organization lens.

coordinating the teams and running the teams, so I got to see the behind the scenes

preparation aspect. Also, it relit the passion inside me that this is what I want to do with

Now three years into her program, Slade said she's excited to embark on this trip to

"I'm not nervous because I have been to other places that are Spanish-speaking, Latin America colonial spaces, so I think the lifestyle will be pretty similar to what I'm used to."

While being in a new country is always fun, Slade said she has serious work to do.

"I'm there to do a job," she said. "It's not a fun volunteer experience. I'm sure it will be great, but I'm there to do a job and an internship. It will be the first time that I



Photo submitted by Jessica Slade

Jessica Slade is no stranger to working in developing countries, having travelled with Water Ambassadors.

split between the class, but Slade will be returning to Haliburton to continue her fundraising efforts. "I have a great community to pull from," she said.

"Haliburton is very well-known for coming together to support each other in the community. I'm very lucky." The money will

be used to pay for her travel expenses, as well as accommodation and food while in Colombia. She leaves for the internship at the end of April, and will be gone through the month of May.

While some internships are government sponsored and don't require interns to pay their own way, Slade said those organizations tend to do mostly government propaganda work. Emerging Voices, on the other hand, is grass-roots but requires her to raise her own money.

"I've chosen to do this route because I think it's going to be more real."

To contact Slade for more information or to donate to her trip fund, contact her at jessica. slade@live.com or 705-854-0014.

Norah's Island donor leaves legacy on Kennisis Lake

By Mark Arike Staff writer

Bruce Carruthers, the first Haliburton Highlands Land Trust property donor, passed away suddenly on March 4. He was 86.

Those who knew Carruthers, including Jeff Pinkney, co-chair of the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association and member of the Norah's Island Management Committee, said he had a profound impact on many people.

"It was/is simply awe-inspiring how his life touched so so many," said Pinkney, who attended Carruthers's memorial service on March 10 in Brampton. "The church was packed with folks from all walks [of life]."

According to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's (HHLT) website, Carruthers and his late wife Norah used to visit friends on Kennisis Lake before purchasing their own property – a 22-acre island – there in the 1970s. They owned the pristine island property for 32 years before Bruce donated it to the HHLT in 2007 to honour the memory of his late wife.

The island is home to several rare orchids and a long list of other plant species. Environment Canada certified the property as ecologically sensitive and The Ontario Land Trust Assistance Program (OLTAP) assisted the HHLT with the land acquisition expenses associated with the donation.

The six members of the Norah's Island Management Committee – three of whom also represent the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association – oversee management plans, including signage and guidelines for the island.

Pinkney called it "a life-changing moment" when Carruthers gave him a call in 2005 to ask for his help to keep the island "just the way it is."

"My life certainly changed and was enriched for the better from that point on, and I know that there are many in the Haliburton area who can say that their lives were touched for the better for knowing Bruce Carruthers," he said.

Carruthers was an avid tennis player, golfer and curler. In 2009, he was inducted into the City of Brampton Sports Hall of Fame for his curling prowess.

"Bruce Carruthers is a competitor, a leader and a supporter," states the hall of fame's

In curling, Carruthers represented Brampton at eight provincial championships and won two provincial titles. He was a member of the 1983 Ontario senior's provincial champion team and the 1988 Ontario masters provincial champion team. In 1983, the team came third in the Canadian Seniors Championships.

"It was noted that he left this world with his curling shoes on (the way we all want to go)," said Pinkney.

The Norah's Island Management Committee plans on finding a way to honour Carruthers's life and legacy.



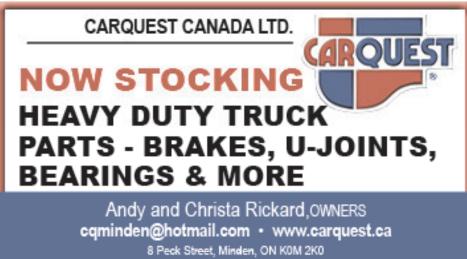
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Drew Dunn, a technician at Curry Motors, gets a tire ready for installation. Learn more about tires inside the Spring Car Care section.



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It's been a long, cold winter in the Haliburton Highlands not only for local residents but their vehicles as well. One of the most common problems in cold

on your car

temperatures tends to be dead batteries. Local body shops know that from the service they provide.

"It's very hard on the batteries and the starting and charging system," said Mike Iles, service manager at Curry Motors in Haliburton. "If the battery fails, there's no choice but to replace it."

It's always wise to get your battery tested if you're unsure of what condition it's in.

Due to slick conditions and wildlife on the roads, especially deer, accidents and fender benders are inevitable. Iles advises that you get your vehicle looked at if you've been in one of these situations.

"It needs to be inspected by a body repair facility to determine what the damages are and what repairs are required, and even possibly if it's... safe to be on the road," he

Other common issues include corrosion

caused by salt and ice damage. According to the article "After-Winter Car Care" on the Castrol USA website, you should clean the vehicle's underbody with a high-pressure sprayer to address salt build-up.

Rust-proofing services are available locally and can help extend your vehicle's lifespan.

"If you're going to keep it long-term, then certainly the rust-proofing helps to protect it," said Iles.

Should your vehicle show minor marks or scratches, it's possible to cover up the damage by purchasing touch-up paint at an automotive store, dealership or hardware store, he said.

Regular maintenance is the best way to ensure your vehicle is in the best shape possible – at all times of the year.

"If it's on a hoist for regular maintenance, then there's a good inspection that's done. There's a good chance they'll pick up on any concerns or issues."

And remember: if you can't fix it yourself, be sure to take your vehicle to the professionals who can.

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Change of seasons means change your tires

With the change of the seasons, it's about time to make the switch from winter to allseason tires.

Once the average daily temperature goes above 7C, your winter tires just won't have the same bite. According to an article in www.wheels.ca, winter tires are constructed to have flexible tread below freezing and they have many more tread blocks with sipes for ice grip. These elements don't fare well in warm weather.

"A true winter tire is a completely different design and different rubber compound," said Mike Iles, service manager at Curry Motors in Haliburton.

Iles said it's best to remove your winter tires as soon as it's safe to do so.

"You want to leave them on as long as you can to be safe, but if you leave them on all summer long... they wear quicker."

Heat makes the tire's tread blocks more flexible, which creates more tread squirm. The heat also causes the essential binding agents to break down and that leads to a greasy feel. Heat build-up is the number one cause of tire blowouts, according to the article on wheels.ca.

Adequate tire grip is essential as it can help you come to a stop more quickly, therefore avoiding a potential collision or other hazards.

It's hard to predict the lifespan of a tire, Iles said, especially in Haliburton County. The quality of the tire, as well as the condition of the roads, are big factors.

"We don't get the same tire wear here as



somebody who strictly drives 400-series highways would. They would probably get twice as long as you would out of a tire than if it was driven locally here."

When is it time to scrap your all-season or winter tires? There are a few tips to keep in mind. First, the tread depth should never go below 1/16 of an inch (1.6 millimetres). Take

a look at the tread wear indicator bars. These bars begin to appear as the tread wears down. If you spot cracks in the sidewalls of your tires, it's probably time to scrap them. Cracks could be a sign the tire is developing a leak, or is on the verge of a blow out. Finally, if you notice an unusual amount of vibration, it could be a sign of an internal problem in the

tire itself.

These five tire warning signs were obtained from: Lampton, Christopher. "5 Warning Signs You Need New Tires" 11 August 2010. HowStuffWorks.com. http://auto.howstuffworks.com/5-warning-signs-you-need-new-tires.htm 18 March 2014



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Spring Car Care





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Crystal Alton has been a mechanic for two years at Happy Daze in Minden. She said it's important to check the air filter, oil, tires and battery cables during a spring check-up to ensure a car continues to run smoothly after the winter.



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Spring check-up saves problems down the road

When we think about spring-cleaning, we might trade the winter clothes in our closet for lighter clothing, or wash the remnants of snow from our living room windows. Often, we forget to give the same kind of care to the car we've been driving through slush and ice for several months.

Local mechanics say that it's important to bring a car in for a quick spring check-up to ensure that it's going to run smoothly for another season.

"Going without a spring check-up is like driving blind," said mechanic Dave Howell at Minden Auto Care. "There's a possibility that things won't run smoothly.'

Howell said that most garages don't charge much to do a complete check over of a car to look for anything amiss, and that it's necessary for most cars after a long

"The winter is so hard on the vehicles up here," he said.

Howell acknowledges that most people don't have a lot of money at the end of the winter but some local mechanics say that spending a little bit of money for a check-up can ultimately save money on having to fix a bigger problem after it has unknowingly escalated.

"My point of view is that people do their check-ups when they've reached 10 or 15,000 kms," said Russ Paul, mechanic at Rusty's Auto Service. "But that's when it's much more expensive to fix a problem."

Paul said cars should be checked earlier, when they've reached 3 or 5,000 km.

"If we can catch a problem in time, it

saves aggravation," he said. "Scrimping on doing service work is probably the costliest mistake a driver can make."

Paul said that a brake service is especially important, as he said that most people don't get them done for the winter.

Happy Daze mechanic Crystal Alton said there are a few things that people should be sure to check as spring approaches. She notes that checking the air filter, oil and tires are important.

"The battery cables are also important," she said. "A lot of people don't check them, and they end up eroded, your battery doesn't charge properly, and it kills your battery."

Spring checkup checklist (do it yourself, or visit a mechanic):

- Clean your car inside and out.
- Do an inspection of the outside of the car, including the windshield and the lights, to make sure everything is still working and nothing is visibly falling apart
- Switch wiper blades.
- Test belts and the radiator hose.
- Change the air filter.
- Update your emergency road kit.
- Change windshield washer fluid.
- · Change tires.
- Change oil and check fluids.
- Check the air conditioning system.
- · Repair scratches.
- Clean out trunk.
- Check spare tire and jack.
- Perform walk-around inspection.

Highlander sports

Canada's champion skijors to Germany

By Sue Tiffin Staff writer

Ten years ago, Karen Koehler thought she had invented her own sport when she was crosscountry skiing while her dogs pulled her. Then she realized the sport had a name – skijoring – and that amateur skijoers could participate in the Haliburton Sled Dog Derby.

She tried it, and was hooked.

Now, the 40-year-old Archie Stouffer Elementary School teacher is a professional skijoer with two experiences at the world championships, and one that she is planning for next year. Koehler won all 12 of the classes she participated in this season and is the leading female competitor in Canada this year. She also celebrated her first home win in Haliburton.

"It's very different racing at home," said Koehler, who annually competes in a circuit that takes her across Ontario and to Quebec. "You feel really special, and you're so supported."

Koehler said that her friends and family showed up at this year's Haliburton derby to cheer her on and to help with the dogs. Koehler's dogs, Oodle and Bundle, are German short-haired pointers that come from Norway, where some think the sport of skijoring, or "ski driving", originates. She picked them up after seeing her competition use the breed at her first world's there in 2011. They love to run, but also love the comfort of home where they live with Koehler and her husband. When not relaxing or training at home, they're on the road.

"Once you start travelling with two dogs it can get expensive, and everything adds up,' said Koehler.

To help reduce the cost of travelling the Ontario-Quebec skijoring circuit, Koehler says she brings a cooler for food to avoid buying dinner while on the road, and winter

camps with the dogs rather than splurging on hotels. She also has support from Chocpaw, Chew That, and Sharpley's Source for Sports in Haliburton, and is beginning to look for sponsors to help her get to Germany for the world's championship in 2015.

Koehler said travelling to different races has helped her learn as she goes. Watching other participants and talking with her competitors motivates her to keep travelling the circuit despite the costs.

"Every day, I'd learn something earthshattering that would help me win my race," she said of her visit to Alaska.

She learned that snow conditions can be different depending on geography, and that she was using the wrong wax on her skis. Her dogs have become loose and she started her first mass race by falling, landing on the ground, and having her dog continue to run. She also learned that following a strict regime of exercise and diet helped her results.

"If you have the whole package, that's best for peak performance," she said.

On March Break, Koehler took a break from racing. She was headed to the park to do some sledding in which she can sit back and not have to ski for once. And she was indulging in some of the treats that aren't included in her diet during race season.

"I'm having some chocolate," she said. "It's okay to have a couple of weeks of normal life."

Koehler is an advocate of rookies of any age getting involved in skijoring, and said that anyone can do it. Any dog can do it as well, with permission from a vet. She is a big fan of the Twin Lakes trail, where dogs are allowed and where she sometimes skis twice a day on her way to and from work. She said the dogs do not wreck the trails for other skiers, and that owners are expected to pick up after

"It's good to get them off the couch, and you off the couch, too."



Karen Koehler has her eyes on the 2015 Skijoring World Championships in Germany.

Stanhope Soccer League kicks off

By Mark Arike Staff writer

Kids between the ages of five and 14 can make new friends and get in some physical activity when they join the Stanhope Soccer League.

"It's getting them out and it's getting them some physical exercise in a community-setting sort of way that they wouldn't do otherwise," said Brad Johnson, chair of the league.

The non-competitive league is an initiative of the Township of Algonquin Highlands and is run by several volunteers. The league will be held every Tuesday evening between June and August on the field outside the Stanhope Firefighters' Community Centre.

"The intention is to make the kids

comfortable and not make them feel like they have to perform at a certain level," said Johnson, who first got involved with the league as a coach after signing up his two boys.

Previous soccer experience is not needed to join the league.

"If the kids don't have experience, you don't need to be worried about that," he

Before the start of each game, there's a 10-15 minute period in which kids are led through exercises and drills that help them develop ball-handling skills.

Up to 14 volunteer coaches can be found on the field along with assistant coaches, many of whom are children who have gone through the program. Parents can take in all the action from the sidelines.

Both cottagers and permanent residents

can sign up to play. Each child receives a jersey, team photo and can attend an endof-season barbecue.

Volunteers are essential to the success of the program and financial donations are always welcome.

Johnson said the program provides great value for its affordable cost of \$30 per

"It's just been a very good experience for everyone that's been involved."

Registration is on a first-come, firstserved basis. The final cut-off date is April 14. Late submissions will be placed on a waiting list. A registration event will be held on March 22 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Stanhope Firefighters' Community Centre.

For more information call 705-766-9968 or e-mail drc@algonquinhighlands.ca.



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Highlander sports



Photo by Sue Tiffin

The Highland Storm are down 1-0 in their OMHA All-Ontario Finals against the Mount Brydges Cougars, after dropping Game 1 by a score of 4-3

Highland Storm suffer setback in first game of the playoffs

By Sue Tiffin Staff writer

The S.G. Nesbitt arena in Minden was packed as the Highland Storm Bantam A team started the OMHA All-Ontario Finals against the Mount Brydges Cougars on March 15.

Despite a close score for much of the game, the Cougars pulled ahead in the third period, ending the game at 4-3.

"They're disappointed," coach Drew Bishop said of his team. "But they know the way that it goes. They've lost games in the past and rebounded well, so they need to realize that they'll have to dig deep and make sure they bring their best efforts."

Bishop said the Cougars aren't as physical as Listowel, the team that the Storm defeated in the playoffs, but that the team had made the finals for a reason.

"We're both in the finals because we had to beat other teams to get there," said Bishop. "We're very equal teams in a lot of senses and the team that makes the least amount of mistakes and has the best effort will probably end up winning the next two games."

Matt Wilbee, Chase Burden, and Nolan Flood scored the Storm's three goals.

Local Moose FM radio announcer Rick Lowes volunteered his time to announce the game, introducing the players and sharing goal information throughout the arena.

The Storm will play in Mt. Brydges this Saturday, March 22 at 4:45 p.m., and Sunday, March 23 at 1:15 p.m. They'll play in Haliburton on March 29 at 6 p.m. and March 30 at 1:30 p.m. if games four and five are needed.



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Fast Lane Bowling Scores

Monday afternoon, March 10 Men

High average: Ken Thompson – 208 High single: Fred Phipps – 284 High single handicap: Fred Phipps – 323 High triple: Ken Thompson – 690 High triple handicap: Ken Thompson – 732

Women

High average: Chris Cote – 192 High single: Vicki Ross – 195 High single handicap: Vicki Ross – 266 High triple: Vicki Ross – 465 High triple handicap: Vicki Ross – 678

Monday night, March 10 Men

High average:
Rick West – 207
High single: David
Wilfong – 258
High single handicap:
David Wilfong – 302
High triple: David
Wilfong – 620
High triple handicap:
Jim Therrien – 757

WomenHigh average: Cathy

Snell – 221 High single: Cathy Snell – 267 High single handicap: Rose Cummings – 272 High triple: Cathy Snell – 680 High triple handicap: Amber Card – 697

Tuesday afternoon, March 11

Men
High average: Claude
Cote – 204
High single:
Chris Hill – 253
High single handicap:

Chris Hill – 301 High triple: Chris Hill – 649 High triple handicap: Chris Hill – 793

Women

High average:

Chris Cote – 189 High single: Tina Hadley – 201 High single handicap: Tina Hadley – 263 High triple: Tina Hadley – 563 High triple handicap: Tina Hadley – 749

Wednesday Special Olympics, March 5

Men

Trevor Brauer – 172 Stu Vand Ross Anderson – 149 Gerald McKnight – 138 **Women**

Women

Dawn Piercey – 148 Buddy Plouffe – 131 Skylar Pratt – 126

Thursday afternoon, March 13 Men

High average: Gerry Wagg – 175
High single:
Ray Lymer – 220
High single handicap:
Ray Lymer – 270
High triple: David
Wilfong – 493

High triple handicap: Stu Vanderbury – 681

Women High average: Gloria

Wagg – 178 High single: Rose Cummings – 273 High single handicap: Rose Cummings – 343 High triple: Edith Alzener – 558 High triple handicap: Edith Alzener – 720

Friday afternoon, March 14 Men

Men High average: Claude Cote – 208 High single: Ken Thompson – 285 High single handicap: Ken Thompson – 304 High triple: Ken Thompson – 683 High triple handicap: Ken Thompson – 740

Women

High average: Chris Cote – 191 High single: Netty Alexander – 207 High single handicap: Netty Alexander – 285 High triple: Ren Higgins – 530 High triple handicap: Netty Alexander – 751 24 The **Highlander** Thursday **Mar 20 2014** | Issue 126

Junior highlanders

Through my **eyes**

On games



"Austin, are you still playing that game? It's time for bed."

- Grandmother

I like video games. What kid doesn't, nowadays?

For me, video games are more than just something fun to do. They are a release for the pent-up emotions I keep inside. They are how I rid myself of everyday aggravations. I can take my frustrations out on "the bad guys" without feeling guilty about it.

I have a difficult time doing simple things like writing – but doing math is the worst – and generally anything that requires me to run or jump is a problem for me. These are a few causes of some of my anxieties.

Last Tuesday I met a young man who recently returned from Afghanistan where he served in the armed forces.

He told me that, while he was in Afghanistan, playing video games was his release from the stress of wartime. I was glad to know that I am not the only one who uses games this way.

I now have the computer that he used in Afghanistan, which I think is very special. When I go to university to study journalism, this computer will be a great asset as I can use my "speech to text" software and will no longer need a scribe. I will also be able to have my games so I will feel more at home

Most people may not realize that people with Asperger's Syndrome are very single focus, but we are aware of everything going on around us. It takes me a long time to transition from one situation to another, so a major change, like going to a school away from Haliburton, is terrifying.

My grandmother says I just have to keep university in the back of my mind and then, when the time comes to leave, it won't be so difficult. I am not so sure she is right about that and this, too, causes me angst, so I'll just go play a game and I will forget about it for now.

I do admit that sometimes my game playing gets in the way of accomplishing tasks. Sometimes I am so focused on battling the knights in *Dark Souls* or *Final Fantasy XIV* – two games that I love – that the world as we know it no longer has relevance to me. Time stands still. Then suddenly I realize, usually by way of my grandmother reminding me, that I need to work on my column or do chores and three hours have gone by unnoticed.

I guess that is something I need to work on, but for now, I'll just go play a game!

From Haliburton to the United Nations

By Sue Tiffin Staff writer

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) teacher Paul Longo is going on a field trip this week with delegates from Poland, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Japan and 12 other nations.

The 15 HHSS students posing as delegates plan to take on the world as they represent assigned countries at a three-day Model United Nations conference in Toronto. It's their first time going so Longo said they might be feeling some butterflies under their suit jackets.

"Once you're there and you're in it for an hour you figure it out pretty quickly," said Longo.

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the Chaminade Model UN, one of Toronto's largest Model United Nations assemblies. The conference is held from March 19 to 21 at the North York Civic Centre, which is the former location of city council. The assembly begins on Wednesday with the opening ceremony that Longo said is one of the highlights of the event. This year's guest speaker will be the senior manager of International Programs at War Child.

Under Longo's leadership, the students involved with the HHSS United Nations club have devoted some lunch hours to discussing world issues, studying model UNs from YouTube, and writing position papers on their country's stance about the issues that will be discussed at the conference.

World issues that are part of the General



Photo by Sue Tiffin

Prior to travelling to Toronto this week for a three-day model UN conference, HHSS teacher Paul Longo (left) stands with his team of high school students turned delegates.

Assembly agenda this year include the use of drones, the Central-African Republic Crisis, and the militarization of children.

Two of the students on the field trip will participate in the Crisis Committee and will represent Japan and Poland to discuss appeasement leading up to the Second World War. The Crisis Committee is set in 1936, at a time when there was a rise of fascism, Japanese invasion of China and Manchurian Korea, and Italian occupation of Ethiopia.

"It gets very intense," said Longo. "You really have to know your stuff, and you have to be able to express it."

Longo said that though he is disappointed the current situation in Ukraine isn't part of the official agenda at the Model UN, he suspects his students will have the chance to talk about it with the hundreds of worldly and politically-active students they'll interact with at the conference.

"It's just a chance for them to talk with other students who have the same passion."

He said the conference is a good chance for the students to hone their presentation skills and learn more about world issues. In past years, HHSS has received awards for their performance at the conference, but Longo said the experience of the conference is beneficial in itself. Though the conference is being held in North York, the students will be staying in downtown Toronto, which they'll have the chance to explore in between committee sessions.

"I feel pretty confident with this group, that they'll be okay," said Longo. "This is a huge confidence builder because they have the chance to interact with lots of other knowledgeable students."

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By attending you can provide suggestions for what you feel is important and to meet team members of David A. Clark Consulting Inc., the firm that will be completing a study of the site.

Date: THURSDAY APRIL 3, 2014

Time: 7:00 P.M. Location: Robert M

Robert McCausland Memorial Community Center 1067 Community Centre Road, Gooderham

For Further Information Contact:

Curtis Tighe, Trails and Economic Development The Municipality of Highlands East Phone: 705-448-2981 ext. 226

EVENTS

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Highlander events

From the wild to your plate

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association (HHOA) hosted its annual Wild Game Dinner on March 15 at the Haliburton Legion.

From wild boar to elk, guests were served a variety of wild game prepared in various ways. The served buffet-style dinner was a hit with the sold-out crowd of 200.

Prior to the dinner, guests put in their bids on items donated to the event for a silent auction. The winners were announced after the dinner.

Haliburton County's warden, Dave Burton, said a few words before dinner, telling a story of his day on the ice fishing with grandkids.

Although final numbers weren't available as of press time, the HHOA estimates they've raised between \$5,000 and \$6,000 for the association, which is better than last year's dinner.

The funds will be used to maintain the HHOA fish hatchery, as well as will other association expenses.



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Alex Bell loads up a plate full of wild game.



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DORSET: April 9 - 12:30 to 4:00 pm Dorset Recreation Centre, 1051 Main St., Dorset

KINMOUNT: April 15 - 12:30 to 4:00 pm Kinmount Legion, 11 County Road 503, Kinmount

*PLEASE NOTE: Volunteers do not complete returns for deceased persons or their beneficiaries, bankrupt individuals, or individuals who have capital gains or losses, employment expenses, or business or rental income and expenses. This program is being held in conjunction with the Community Volunteer Income Tax ration (CVITP) program through the Canada Revenue Agency.

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Council will be considering proposed amendments to various fees and charges at their meeting on Monday, March 24, 2014.

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Further information on the proposed fees and charges are available on the Municipality's website at www.dysartetal.ca

EVERGREEN CEMETERY

Council, at its meeting held on July 23, 2012, passed By-law No. 2012-68, Being a By-law to provide for the maintenance, management and control of the Evergreen Cemetery. The Municipality has submitted this By-law to the Registrar of the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act 2002 for approval.

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Beloved husband of Johanna, father of Eric Cius of Minden, Linda (Michael) Matthews of Peterborough, Steven (Sara) Cius of Peterborough, James Cius of Minden. Grandfather of Rvan (Julie) Matthews of Bridgenorth and Opa to Sam Matthews. Lovingly remembered by his family and

friends in Peterborough, Toronto, Poland and Austria. Please join the family for a Celebration of Stan's Life in the Fireside Room at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens

Home, 6 McPherson St., Minden, on Monday, March 24, 2014 beginning at 11:00 am. Refreshments will be served. Cremation has taken place. Memorial Donations to the Hyland Crest Residents Council would be

appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon a. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M

In Loving Memory of

Mary Legere (nee Shier)
Passed away quietly at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Friday, March 14,

Beloved wife of Bob Seymour of Carnarvon. Loving mother to Lisa Theis (Robert) and Catherine Legere (Michael Katz). Nana to Nicholas, Samantha and Dakon. Cherished sister of Beth, Kenneth and Andrea Shier. Will be missed by Rob, Shelley, Julie, Denise and Tim Seymour, and many good friends and family members. A special thank you to the exceptional and kind staff at Hyland Crest who became part of Mom's family. Mary will be remembered for her gentle personality, sense of humour and love of animals. She enjoyed walking in the forest, reading a good book and listening to music. Mary was talented in many spheres, including business, writing and giving the world's best hugs!! She had a big beart and generous spirit that touched the lives of many. We will miss you.

In accordance with Mary's wishes, cremation has taken place. A celebration of Mary's life will take place on Saturday, May 10th between 1:00 and 4:00 pm at the Minden Legion. All are welcome to drop by and join us as we honour Mary's life

Memorial Donations to the Alzheimer's Society of Ontario would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., PO. Box 427, Minden, Ontario KOM 2KO.

NOTICES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, March 27th, 2014 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, lying in front of Lot 13, Concession 13, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9600, registered February 3,

2. File No. SRA-13-16

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3.

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Horseshoe Lake, lying in front of Lot 13, Concession 6, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Parts 6 and 7, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9536, registered August

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place noted above, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 13th day of March, 2014.

Adam King, M.R.M. Planning Administrator



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

HEARING DATE:

March 31, 2014 9:30 a.m.

TIME: PLACE AND ADDRESS:

Municipal Council Chambers 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

In the matter of Section 45 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13, as amended, and in the matter of Zoning By-law No. 06-10 as amended.

File No. MV A01/2014, Part Lot 18, Concession 10, geographic Township of Lutterworth -Oxbow Lane

Purpose: The Applicant requires relief to allow a garage with a living loft to be converted to a dwelling which will be closer to the interior side yard lot line and rear lot line than is permitted in the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended. The following variances are

- From Section 5.2 to reduce the 14.75 foot (4.5 metre) required setback from a dwelling to an interior side yard lot line to 14.4 feet (4.4 metres).
- From Section 5.2 to reduce the 39.4 foot (12 metre) required setback from a dwelling to a rear yard lot line to 19.3 feet (5.9 metres).

ANY PERSON may attend the public hearing and/or make written comments to the Township of Minden Hills either in support of, or in opposition to a proposed minor variance.

NOTICE OF DECISION - A copy of the Committee's decision will be sent to the Applicant and to each person who appeared in person or by counsel at the public hearing and who has filed a written request for notice of the decision with the Secretary-Treasurer.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding the applications will be available for public inspection until noon on the day of the meeting at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department during normal office hours.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2014

Adam King, M.R.M., Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

COMPLETE APPLICATION - RZ 14-02

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township's Zoning By-law. The purpose of the Amendment is to rezone lands located in Part of Lot 28, Concession 14 in the geographic Township of Snowdon to the Hamlet Residential Exception One (HR-1) zone to zone the property appropriately for its use, and to recognize a deficient front yard and side yard setback. The property subject to this application is also the subject of Application for Consent H-044/2013.

AND PURSUANT to the provisions of the Planning Act, the application file including a survey sketch and a draft Zoning By-law Amendment is available for review at the Township Office. Please contact Mr. Adam King in the Township's Planning Department if you would like to review this file.

TAKE NOTICE that Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a public meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13 as amended, to inform the public of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on the proposed Amendment.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING - RZ 14-02

Date: Thursday, April 10, 2014

Time: 10:00 an

Location: Municipal Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street

DETAILS OF THE AMENDMENT

The application has been made to amend provisions of the Township's Zoning By-law 08-10, as amended, under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13, as amended, to rezone certain lands generally located in Part of Lot 28, Concession 14, in the geographic Township of Snowdon on Gelert Road. The amendment would rezone the subject lands from the Rural (RU) and Hamlet Residential (HR) zones to the Hamlet Residential Exception One (HR-1) zone to zone the property appropriately for its use and to recognize a deficient front yard and side yard setback.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND KEY MAP

A key map showing the land to which the proposed amendment applies is provided below.

The purpose of this meeting is to ensure that sufficient information is made available to enable the public to generally understand the amendment that is being considered by Council. Any person who attends the meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the proposed amendment.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed amendment, you must submit a written request (with a forwarding address) to the Clerk of the Township of Minden Hills.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to the Ontario Municipal Board. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds

to do so.

Information regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street on Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m or by calling Mr. Adam King at (705) 286-1260.

Mailing Date of this Notice: March 20, 2014 Nancy Wright-Laking – CAO/Clerk/EDO Township of Minden Hills





NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

COMPLETE APPLICATION - RZ 14-01

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township's Zoning By-law. The purpose of the Amendment is to rezone lands located in Part of Lot 31, Concession A, in the geographic Township of Lutterworth from the Rural zone to the Rural Residential Exception Ten zone to decrease the required setbacks from a side yard lot line and to recognize the subject property's deficient lot frontage.

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Date: Thursday, April 10, 2014

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Municipal Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street

DETAILS OF THE AMENDMENT

The application has been made to amend provisions of the Township's Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 13 to rezone certain lands generally located in Part of Lot 31, Concession A, in the geographic Township of Lutterworth. The amendment would rezone the subject lands from the Rural zone to the Rural Residential Exception Ten zone to decrease the required interior side yard setback from 15 metres to 10 metres. The decreased setback will create a suitable building envelope on the subject property. The exception zone will also recognize the subject property's deficient lot frontage.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND KEY MAP

A key map showing the land to which the proposed amendment applies is provided below.

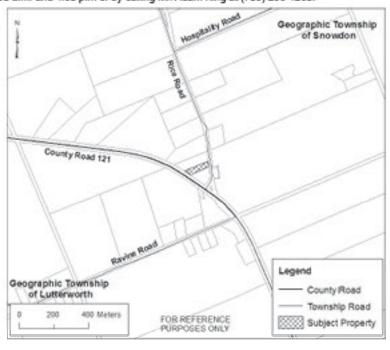
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- Nourished
- 24. Chef's measures (abbr.)
- 26. Baby's toy
- Resort
- 30. Menu term (3 wds.)
- Acorn producers
- 36. Very many (2 wds.)
- 37. Television awards
- 41. Unconfined
- Plane's captain
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- 45. Shore birds
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- Mountain cat
- 58. Lincoln, informally
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- 68. Handling
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- 73. Stairs
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- Choir singer
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- 5. Superlative suffix
- Crossword hint
- Ship's frame
- 8. Vocal
- Radiate
- Neither's companion
- Airborne
- Desert beast
- Commerce
- 18. Wine valley
- Blunder
- 25. Hit
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- Out on (2 wds.)
- Pigment
- Expiate
- Perceive
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- Santa's time
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- 43. Canvas cover
- 46. 14-line poems
- "Cry ____ River" (2 wds.
- 51. Drive out
- 53. Seasons
- Reviewer Roger _
- 55. Musical show
- 57. Imitate
- 60. Guess
- Opera tune
- 62. Camera glass
- 64. Previously
- 65. RR terminals 67. Psychic letters
- 69. Consumed

MARCH 2014 EVENTS SATURDAY

FRIDAY



Spaghetti dinner -Minden Lion's Club Hall, 5-7 p.m. \$10.

Highland Trio - 1:00 -5:00 p.m., Minden Legion Free, donation for the band appreciated 705-

Spring Splash - Ski/ snowboard over open water, Sir Sams. 705-754-2298

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SUNDAY

Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary breakfast, 9:30-1 p.m.

MONDAY

THURSDAY

Baby massage, Minden OEYC 10 a.m., 705-286-1770

TUESDAY Seniors Standing

Balance Exercise Class Minden Hospital, every Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Volunteer income tax program - Haliburton Legion, 9:30-2 p.m. Every Tuesday until April 22.

WEDNESDAY Volunteer income tax

program - Wilberforce Legion, 2-3:30 p.m. Every Wednesday until April 23.

Seniors Standing

Balance Exercise Class Minden Hospital, every Thursday, 2 p.m.

FRIDAY

Ham Dinner - Maple Lake United Church, 5 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. \$12. 705-754-0427.

SATURDAY

Dig In Workshop - plan your veggie garden 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., \$10, Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce

SUNDAY



MONDAY

Baby massage, Minden OEYC 10 a.m., 705-286-1770

WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LEGION MAR 20 - MAR 26, 2014

Haliburton Branch (705-457-2571) General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m.

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Meat draw, Friday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/draw. 50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m.

Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30-1

Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m. Bingo, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Minden Branch (705-286-4541) Lunch menu, Monday - Friday, 12-2 p.m. Cribbage, Saturday, 1-3 p.m.

Seniors "B-d" Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m. Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime. Ladies darts, Thursday, 1 p.m.

Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 5-7 p.m.

Mixed darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Wilberforce Branch (705-448-2221) Pool, Friday, 1:30 p.m. Spaghetti dinner, Friday, 5-7 p.m.

welcome! Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m.

Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m.

Jam session, Friday, 7 p.m. Everyone

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What's on

Fundraising concert will help promising young musician

By Sue Tiffin Staff writer

On April 5, one lucky high school student will leave a concert with a bursary to put towards a musical instrument of their choice.

The recipient, who has already been chosen, will be announced at a fundraising concert for the Highlands Musical Instrument Bursary being held at St. George's Anglican Church.

"Our goal is \$2,500," said Bethany Houghton, a Haliburton-based music teacher who is organizing the event. "And need of a new instrument. Houghton said we hope to help a kid out there who can't

afford to buy their own instrument."

Houghton had the idea to host a small ensemble concert for the public, but she wasn't sure of the motivation for the concert until one of her students suggested raising funds for a deserving student in *Some students are really* keen on playing, and

are trying their hardest. But the instrument is fighting them.

Bethany Houghton

music teacher

some music students would sound better

if their instruments were adequate.

"Some students are really keen on playing, and are trying their hardest," said Houghton. "But the instrument is fighting them."

The concert is a collaboration of several ensembles including the Bowed Well String ensemble, the Haliburton Youth Strings, and the Haliburton Celtic Slow Jam. It starts at 7:30 p.m. and entry is by donation.

Houghton said the concert will appeal to even those without a classical music background because it will feature lighter music, including Maxwell's Silver Hammer by the Beatles, and a tango.

Houghton hopes to host the concert on a recurring basis to raise enough money to support a bursary for one or two students each year. Contact wendy.evenden@gmail. com to donate or to nominate a student for next year.





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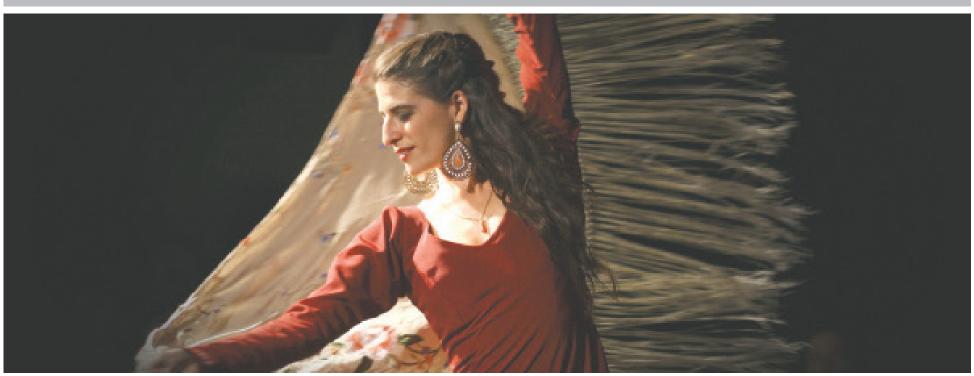


Photo by Cyndi Ingle Photography

Tamar Ilana, a flamenco singer and dancer trained in Seville, will be in Haliburton with Fin de Fiesta on March 27.

Raw passion on the stage

By Matthew Desrosiers Editor

If you've never experienced a Flamenco dance performance, now is your chance.

"A lot of people will recognize it if I describe it as big dresses, Spanish percussive footwork, flowers in the hair, very passionate," said Lia Grainger, one part of Fin de Fiesta, an all-Canadian Flamenco dance group. "It's a lot more than that. It's a dance that comes from Gypsy populations in Spain and from different groups of people that were living in Spain a few hundred years ago. The music is often about poverty and about really difficult times and happy times. It's a really intense music and the dance reflects that."

Fin de Fiesta is made up of Grainger, fellow dancer Alexandra Talbot, guitarist Dennis Duffin and singer Tamar Ilana, who also dances. The group met while learning Flamenco in Seville, Spain. Three of the dancers are from Toronto and one is from

"We're all definitely living a bit of a Gypsy lifestyle at the time being," she said of the

group, whose members travel back and forth between Canada and Spain to train Flamenco. "It's interesting too because we all had other lives, but Flamenco slowly took over and that's super common. In Seville, there's a large international community that's there studying Flamenco."

The group's name, Fin de Fiesta, means end of the party. It refers to the end of any Flamenco show or party where the audience, or anyone who knows Flamenco, will get up and join the dance.

"Nothing is planned and anything can happen. We love that part of it. We do it in all of our shows."

Grainger said improvisation happens all the time in Flamenco. Walking through the streets of Seville, it's common for Flamenco dances to break out randomly between strangers.

"It's just a part of the culture," she said. On March 27, Fin de Fiesta is performing

their show, Mala Yerba Nunca Muera ("Wild Flowers Never Die") at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. The show's name is taken from a Spanish proverb that talks about how things can be beautiful but also really

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tough, and to endure.

"We offer a really true representation of the art madeinhaliburton.ca or in Minden at Organic form as it's done in Spain, so you'll be seeing

real Flamenco. Also, I feel like Flamenco, if people have seen a little bit of it, it's a really easy sell because it's really beautiful and exciting."

She said the dancers provide a real, emotional experience on

"When you see good Flamenco, you see a very intense performance. It's kind of spectacular in a way. Technically it's very interesting, has complicated rhythmic footwork... and the guitar plays beautiful patterns."

"The show is very exciting," she said. "We've been working on it in Spain and Canada for the last year or so, so it's going to be good."

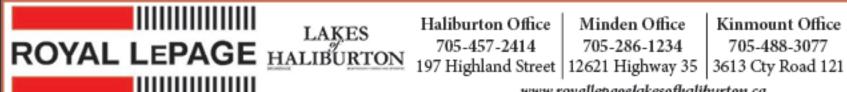
The show starts at 8

p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults or \$18 for "It's something very unique," said Grainger. students and seniors, and are available at Times.





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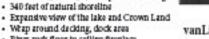
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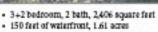
- Custom kitchen, skylights, games room.
- Short boat ride to Gull Lake
- Year round access off Highway 35

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- · 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1,324 sq ft home/cottage · 340 feet of natural shoreline









 Whap around dacking, dock area · River rock floor to celling fireplace